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ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AND OTHER DECISIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Relations with the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 20, paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

1. Welcomes the excellent cooperation existing between its secretariat and the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), as well as the reciprocal representation in meetings of the Convention and those of the GEF;

2. Welcomes further the adoption of the operational strategy of the GEF, as well as the decision taken by the GEF Council at its ninth meeting to take appropriate steps to identify, prepare and implement GEF-financed land degradation activities as they relate to biodiversity, climate change and international waters;

3. Invites the Council of the GEF to report as appropriate to the Conference of the Parties on matters relating to the issue of land degradation.